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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: Timothy W. King and Charles W. Patrick
Application Serial No.: 09/671,540
Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: Amy E. Pulliam
Date Filed: September 27, 2000
Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
BIODEGRADABLE MICROSPHERES AS CARRIERS OF
BIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT
TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(Submission under 37 C.F.R § 1.114(c))**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently with this Amendment. Applicants first wish to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview held February 24, 2004, and the helpful discussion. Pursuant to the RCE, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page two (2) of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page ten (10) of this paper.